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SUBJ: ARRANGEMENTS FOR POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1. DAYAN MADE A SPECIAL POINT LAST NIGHT OF SAYING THAT WE HAVE NOT YET TOLD THE ISRAELIS WHO WILL BE SITTING AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE WHILE THE SECRETARY IS IN JERUSALEM (AS DISTINCT FROM "BACK-BENCHERS"). WITH CHARACTERISTIC AMBIGUITY, HE SAID THAT THE EGYPTIANS WOULD HAVE THE FOUR SENIOR DELEGATION MEMBERS AT THE TABLE, AND "HE SUPPOSED" THE ISRAELIS WOULD MATCH THEM. HE DIDN'T KNOW WHETHER WE WISHED TO HAVE AN EQUAL NUMBER, OR PERHAPS A SMALLER GROUP TO SYMBOLIZE A DIFFERENT DEGREE OF INVOLVEMENT BY THE U.S. I SAID I WOULD TRY TO FIND OUT ASAP. HOPE I CAN HAVE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE BY 1800 LOCAL (1300 WASHINGTON TIME) SATURDAY, JANUARY 14.

2. WE BOTH NOTED THAT THERE SEEMED TO BE SOME CONFUSION OVER THE TIME OF THE INITIAL MEETING. CAIRO RADIO WAS TALKING ABOUT 1800 ON MONDAY. THE ISRAELIS HAD TOLD US 1000 MONDAY. DAYAN SAID HE NOW PROPOSED 1100 MONDAY MORNING, POINTING OUT THAT BEGIN WOULD PROBABLY WISH TO MEET PRIVATELY WITH KAMEL
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BEFORE THE SESSION BEGINS (SINCE SADAT HAD MET WITH WEIZMAN). FOR CAIRO: PLEASE GET THE EGYPTIANS STRAIGHTENED OUT ON THE TIME IF POSSIBLE. I DON'T KNOW WHERE 1800 CAME FROM.

3. SECRETARY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT DAYAN IS THINKING ABOUT HOSTING A SMALL DINNER MONDAY EVENING AT HIS

HOME. HE IS UNDECEDED WHETHER TO INVITE JUST KAMEL
AND MAYBE ONE OTHER EGYPTIAN, OR THE SECRETARY AND
MRS. VANCE AS WELL. HE THINKS IT WOULD BE A GOOD
IDEA TO ESTABLISH SOME INFORMAL CONTACT IN A MORE
RELAXED ATMOSPHERE. HE WOULD WELCOME SECRETARY'S VIEWS.
I SUGGESTED HE BROACH THIS SUBJECT WITH THE SECRETARY
DURING THEIR RIDE FROM THE AIRPORT TO JERUSALEM.
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